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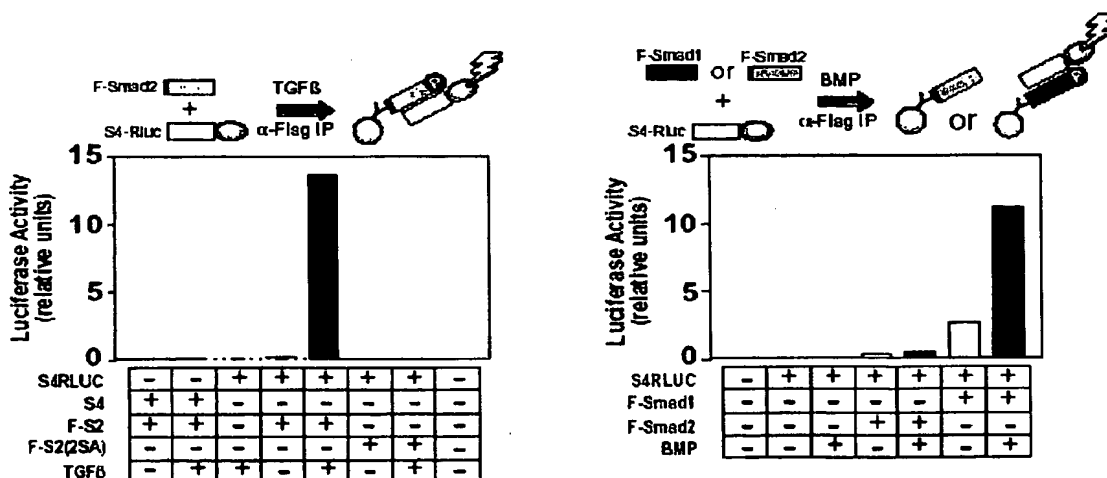
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(54) Title: **METHODS FOR ASSAYING PROTEIN-PROTEIN INTERACTIONS**



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to methods and reagents for screening, identifying, and/or quantifying molecular interactions. In particular, the invention provides a method for identifying protein-protein interactions comprising prey proteins interacting with bait proteins comprising: (a) introducing one or more prey protein in cells, wherein a prey protein is labelled with an epitope tag permitting separation of the prey protein from other proteins in the cells; (b) introducing one or more bait protein in the cells, wherein a bait protein is labelled with a detectable substance permitting detection of protein-protein interactions comprising a prey protein and the bait protein; and (c) assaying for protein-protein interactions comprising a prey protein and bait protein by detecting the detectable substance.

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## Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Claims Nos.: 31 (completely), 1-4,7-30 (partially)

Present claims 1-4,7-30 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "being detectable".

The claims cover all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT for only one of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the detectable compound used in Example 1 and Example 2 of the present application and referred to in dependent claim 21: Renilla luciferase.

Present claim 31 relates to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely "being identifiable with a claimed method".

The claim covers all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides no support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for such compounds. In the present case, the claim so lacks support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claim also lacks clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

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